GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RAILWAYS
LOK SABHA

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Passenger Safety
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Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that an ambitious technology upgradation plan of the Railways aimed at providing enhanced passenger safety is threatening to go off track on account of continuing upheaval in the Indian Railway Project Management Unit (IRPMU);

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether it is also true that the IRPMU was renamed and work on Train Protection Warning Systems (TPWS) execution was passed on to zonal general managers and if so, the details thereof; and

(d) whether there has been allegation that it has been done to keep wrong doings at the organisation under wraps and if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS

(SHRI RAJEN GOHAIN)

(a)&(b) : The technology upgradation plan of the Railways aimed at providing enhanced passenger safety is on track.

(c)&(d) : Indian Railway Project Management Unit was executing Kfw funding project in Ghaziabad-Kanpur Section. This funding has since ceased and accordingly the balance works have been allotted to Zonal Railway i.e. North Central Railway. Hence the Indian Railway Project Management Unit has been merged with Chief Signal & Telecommunication Engineer, Project unit of North Central Railway, Allahabad and brought under technical and administrative control of Chief Signal & Telecom Engineer, North Central Railway and General Manager, North Central Railway.
The Train Protection Warning System works has been transferred to Zonal Railways in view of full powers delegated to Zonal Railways in respect of tenders for works and stores. The existing Indian Railway Project Management Unit under control of General Manager, North Central Railway is executing Train Protection Warning System works within the jurisdiction of North Central Railway.
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